Statement

College institutions under PMSSY to be upgraded in the country

1. Govt. Medical College, Jammu (J and K)
2. Govt. Medical College, Srinagar (J and K)
3. Kolkatta Medical College, Kolkatta (W.B.)
4. Sanjay Gandhi Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences, Lucknow (U.P.)
5. Institute of Medical Sciences, BHU, Varanasi (UP),
6. Nizam Institute of Medical Sciences, Hyderabad (A.P)
7. Sri Venkateshwara Institute of Medical Sciences, Tirupati (A.P) (50% cost of upgradation will be borne by the TTD Trust)
8. Govt. Medical College, Salem (T.N.)
9. B.J. Medical College, Ahmedabad (Gujarat)
10. Bangalore Medical College, Bangalore (Karnataka)
11. Medical College, Thrivananthapuram (Kerala)
12. Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Ranchi
13. Grants Medical College and Sir J.J. Group of Hospitals, Mumbai (Maharashtra).

Upgradation of the above institutions was approved by CCEA on 22.6.2006 except RIMS, Ranchi, for which CCEA approval was obtained on 26.4.2007.

Fake drugs

68. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that nearly 30 per cent drugs available in the market in the country are fake;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether the existing law or Act is not sufficient to check the manufacture and sale of fake drugs;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the concrete steps taken by Government to prevent manufacture and sale of fake drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) No Sir. State Drugs Testing Laboratories test about 40,000 samples per year. It has been observed that only 0.29% of samples tested have been found to be spurious on an average during the last three years.

(c) to (e) Though the existing provision of law are sufficient to check the alleged malpractices relating to fake drugs, Government is continuously vigilant and has taken following steps to further strengthen the deterrent measures and infrastructures in that regard:

(i) The Drugs and Cosmetics (Amendment) Bill, 2005 in pending in the Parliament to *Inter-alia* enhance the penalties provided, making offences cognizable and non bailable and authorizing any gazetted officer to file prosecution for drug related offences.

(ii) Under the Capacity Building Project through World Bank, assistance has been provided to upgrade testing facilities and to establish new drug testing laboratories so as to enhance the capacity of the laboratories to test large number of samples. Under this project 23 States and 6 Central Drugs Laboratories have been strengthened.

(iii) Schedule M to the Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1945, pertaining to Good Manufacturing Practices has been amended to Make it at par with the international standards and it is mandatory for the manufacturers of drugs to comply with the requirements of this Schedule for quality control of the drugs manufactured by them.

(iv) Detailed guidelines have been issued to the State Government to undertake focused surveillance over possible movement of spurious drugs.

(v) Specific training program for regulatory officials of State Governments on logistics of intelligence work, prosecutions, etc., has been conducted with the assistance of FDA, Maharashtra.

(vi) Pharma industry and trade has been motivated to fight menace of spurious drugs as a shared responsibility. Number of cases could be successfully detected through the initiative taken by Pharma industry involving hiring of retired intelligence officers.

Estimated number of HIV patients

†69. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no uniformity in the estimates of the various organisations with regard to the number of people infected with HIV;

(b) if so, the basis of these estimates thereof;

(c) what is the authenticity of these estimates;

(d) whether it was ensured while ascertaining the number of people infected with HIV that they are not counted twice or thrice or left uncounted;

(e) whether Government is considering to develop any system for carrying out an authentic survey in this regard if so, the agency to be entrusted with this job and by when the same will be completed; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.